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VC Announces New Roles for P-V-Cs

The Vice-Chancellor writes

I promised I would begin this term with a letter describing the new arrangements for Pro-Vice-Chancellors in my office.

In making my decision I have greatly benefited from the advice of many members of the staff. I have been particularly conscious of a widespread desire to improve communication within the University. Accordingly I have decided not to assign Arts or Science remits to Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and instead to give them responsibilities for specific issues.

The formal Arts and Science Deans Committees will be abolished. However, the Deans will continue to meet formally in the Management Committee and, of course, informally to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The appointments that Senate and Council have approved, up to at least 1995, are:

Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Professor Margaret McGowan
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Mr David Streeter
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Dr Colin Brooks

At the core of the management of the University are two bodies which I chair, namely the Monday Morning Group (which meets weekly throughout the year), and the Management Committee (which meets about ten times a year). The membership of the Monday Morning Group, other than myself, is the three Pro-Vice-Chancellors above, the Registrar and Secretary (Dr. Geoffrey Lockwood), the Finance Officer (Mr Tony Sims), and the Planning Officer (Mr Ted Nakhle). Other members of the



RESORTS OF DELIGHT *Sussex has been awarded one of the first-ever architecture grants from the Arts Council to set up a national exhibition on seaside architecture. The exhibition will go on public display in Brighton in early 1994 before going on tour around the country. It is being organised in conjunction with the University of Brighton's Lewis Cohen Urban Studies Centre and Brighton Council.*

University attend according to the topics under discussion.

Apart from our statutory responsibilities, some of the key issues for which we will be responsible are listed below. It is not an exhaustive list, and it will change from time to time. It should now be possible for any member of the University to see where responsibility for a particular issue lies.

**Vice-Chancellor –
Gordon Conway**

- Fund Raising
- Research leadership (with Senior PVC)
- International links – especially Japan and China
- National standing: e.g. Office of Science & Technology, Research

Councils, CVCP

- Local involvement: University of Brighton; Academic Corridor; Medical School

**Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor –
Margaret McGowan**

- Research Leadership (with Vice-Chancellor)
- Academic Development
- Academic Audit
- Decanal appointments
- Appointments of academic faculty
- Promotions of academic staff
- International links – Europe
- National standing – British Academy, Humanities Research Council,
- AUT relations

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Announcements

Mary Farmer

1952—1993

Mary Farmer died in the Intensive Therapy Unit at Sussex County Hospital on 8 April 1993. Mary had been a Lecturer in Sociology at the University since 1975 and had been a valued member of that subject group and of the School of Social Sciences where she had served as Sub-Dean (Student Affairs) and been a major presence with respect to the teaching within the School. Many members of faculty are good at teaching, research or administration but Mary was good at all three. She was always cheerful and helpful, giving of her and time and enthusiasm without thought as to her own needs and interests. Mary will leave a gaping hole in the School and will be sorely missed by her many, many friends.

John Dearlove
Dean of SOC

Summer Graduation

1993 Ceremonies

This year's summer graduation will be held on Tuesday 13 July at the Brighton Centre. The ceremonies will commence at 10.15 am and 2.15 pm and will each last approximately two hours. Graduands will have their degrees conferred by School:
Morning Ceremony: SOC, EAM, CCS, ICAPE, ENGG, MOLS, Roffey Park
Afternoon Ceremony: EURO, AFRAS, COGS, MAPS, BIOLS, SPRU

If you require further information about the ceremonies please contact Beatrice Merrick, ext. 3854.

The Graduation Ball

All Finalists and recent graduates are invited to attend the first ever Graduation Ball on Tuesday 13 July 1993 at the Com Exchange. The night begins at 8.30 pm with a champagne reception followed by a three course meal. Tickets are £25, available from the University Bookshop and the Alumni and Development Office, Room 206 Sussex House. The Alumni Office has organised this event in response to student demand so buy your tickets now as numbers are strictly limited.

News and People

The Vice-Chancellor writes: (continued from page 1)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor – David Streeter

- Student welfare
- Staff welfare
- Safety
- Laboratories
- Environment policy
- Campus conservation
- Union relationships (Students' Union and non-faculty Trade Unions)
- Standing in the local community
- Sussex Technology Institute
- Trafford Centre for Medical Research

Pro-Vice-Chancellor – Colin Brooks

- Teaching and learning
- Curriculum developments (UG and PG Training)
- Careers Service
- Library
- Computing Services
- Language Centre
- Management Studies
- Continuing Education (with Planning Officer)
- Staff Development (with Planning Officer)
- International links – North America

Registrar and Secretary – Geoffrey Lockwood

- Administration of the University
- International links – Council of European Rectors, European Commission
- National standing – Department for Education
- Local involvement: Local authorities, Town and Gown Club
- Estates matters
- Legal matters
- Gardner Centre

Planning Officer – Ted Nakhle

- University-wide planning

- Co-ordination of Schools' planning
- HEFCE linkages
- Further Education colleges (with Registrar & Secretary)
- Enterprise Programme

Finance Officer – Tony Sims

- University budgets and financial planning
- Schools budgets and financial planning

PA/Personnel Officer – Adrian McAllister

- Agendas
- Follow-up
- Personnel issues

The new appointments will necessitate some changes to the committee structure, and these are detailed in the minutes of the Senate meeting of March 10.

The Monday Morning Group meets every Monday throughout the year for three to four hours. We discuss the events of the coming week and month, review past events, discuss appointments and papers in preparation, welfare issues are raised, and then we concentrate on a series of "hot items" which require discussion and action. These latter items can take many forms, and arise through outside requests or from internal concerns raised by Deans, members of the administration, faculty or students.

If you have a concern or an idea, you can raise this through a School meeting or a meeting of your budget unit, so that it can be brought to the notice of the Monday Morning Group, the Management Committee or the Senate. If these avenues are not appropriate, then you can communicate direct with the relevant member of the Monday Morning Group.

I hope these arrangements will provide for a more open exchange of views, while retaining an ability to run the University in as efficient a manner as possible.

NEW LINE-UP FOR THE STUDENTS' UNION

The annual elections for the students' union sabbaticals towards the end of last term brought victories for female finalists in all six posts. Next year will be only the second time in the Union's history that the sabbaticals will all be of the same sex (complementing 1987/88 when they were all male). The turnout, at around 1500, was the highest for several years, put down by President Danny Rye to, "the work we have put into raising the profile of the Union this year."

The winning candidates were: Jessica Gould (3rd yr Social Anthropology in AFRAS) – President; Kathy Bourne (3rd yr Sociology in CCS) – Vice President Finance; Rhiannon Glover (3rd yr English in EAM) – VP Communications; Anna Barnes (3rd yr Social Anthropology in CCS) – VP Welfare; Emma Nuttall (3rd yr Social Anthropology in SOC) – VP Education; and Sarah Buckland (3rd yr Psychology in COGS) – VP Sport.

Letter

Dear Editor

Michael Kenward (*Bulletin* 24 March) was right to mock my use of the term "pure science". What I should have said was "proper science". (For definitions of improper science, refer to any professor in MAPS, MOLS or BIOLS.) He should be reassured that life at Sussex can be as heady in the 90s as it was for him in the 60s and me in the 70s. The Arts/Science concept is alive and well and still about serious fun.

Science at Sussex continues to offer, in its formal curriculum, skilled training in the principles and practice of "proper" science together with complementary and contrasting studies through joint degrees and its Arts/Science Programme. A first degree course here in Science is still a liberal education.

Michael Kenward is also right to argue that more needs to be done to encourage an understanding and appreciation of Science amongst Arts undergraduates. It is, perhaps, unfair to speak of "Arts wimps too busy to indulge in peripheral activities". Students get the curriculum they are offered. I find, as Arts/Science Co-ordinator, there are two broad questions to be answered before charging the "Arts Brigade" with wilful ignorance.

1. What is it, exactly, that Arts undergraduates are ignorant of? The language and methods of Science? Its history? Its current preoccupations and challenges? Must they know how to split an atom to appreciate all the consequences of doing so?

2. Who is both able and available to take Science to the Arts? Where are the sympathetic and persuasive teachers to do this job? Will they stand up and be counted? Will Deans across the University provide time, space and resources? Will Michael Kenward volunteer?

As the Editor has pointed out, an advance party is ready, Deans and Pro-Vice-Chancellors willing, to take Arts/Science to all undergraduates. Troops are rallying to the flag.

Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem.

Dr. Tim Metham (MOLS)

Appointment

Dr. Jim Byrne of MAPS has been appointed to the eight-member International Organising Committee for the Nobel Symposium on *Particle Traps and Related Fundamental Physics*, to be held in Lysekil, Sweden in 1994.

Changes in Academic Year

Lord Flowers, Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the Academic Year, introduced his committee's interim report at the first conference of the HEFCE earlier this month. The report examines alternative approaches to the organisation of the year and considers in detail three general models, some of which might involve more than one cohort entering in each academic year:

- Three terms of ten weeks each with a fourth of 14 weeks running through the summer vacation. Start date October 5.
- Two semesters of 12 weeks each followed by six-week period for exams and a 15-17 week semester stretching through the summer vacation. Start date September 28.
- A "proper" semester system involving two 15-week semesters and pushing the start of the academic year forward to September 7. This leaves a possible summer teaching session of up to 18 weeks.

Lord Flowers acknowledged that not all institutions would necessarily wish to introduce an extended undergraduate teaching year, but said that the review of the academic year was timely because many institutions were actively considering changes to the conventional three ten-week term arrangements. "These institutions are realising that changes can bring benefits including enabling staff to make more productive use of their time and, in particular, having a longer unbroken period free from undergraduate teaching."

The report makes no recommendations at this early stage of work and will be sent out to institutions for comment. The final report, to be published this autumn, will look in more detail at the issues which have been identified and make recommendations about how any changes might be implemented.

From the Payroll Office

P60s covering the last financial year have now been sent out to University employees. Please hold on to them carefully as by law duplicate copies cannot be provided. Furthermore, please remember that any memorandums to the office, particularly concerning payments and personal information must be signed before they can be acted upon.

Announcements

Parking in Falmer Village

There have been complaints from residents of Falmer Village recently about thoughtless parking by members of the University within the village. The University strives to have a good relationship with Falmer residents: such actions cause inconvenience and danger to them, and so would all those who have been parking there please refrain from doing so from now on.

Research Opportunities

For information on any of the following call Louise Vincent, Research Office ext. 3761 or Email deeb@admin.

NUFFIELD FOUNDATION Awards for newly appointed Science Lecturers: up to £4,000. Applications must be within 12 months of appointment. Next closing date 30 April.

NATO Science Programme is now targetting its support on five priority areas: Disarmament; Environment; High Technology; Human Resources; Computing Networking. These priorities apply to Collaborative Research Grants, Linkage Grants, Expert Visits and Advanced Research Workshops.

NON-NUCLEAR ENERGIES (Joule II). EC expected to call for proposals. Closing date of 25 June.

BRITISH-POLISH Joint Research Collaboration Programme in pure and applied sciences, with priority to engineering, materials science, electronics and environmental sciences: up to £2000 p.a. for travel and living costs.

Small Ads

FOR SALE: 2-bed flat in Hove. Residents enjoy use of a roof patio overlooking the cricket ground. £43,950. For details contact Tony, IDS (606261) ext 4073 mornings.

SPAIN: 3-bed villa overlooking sea in quiet section of the Costa del Sol. 30 mins East from Malaga airport. Swimming pool included. Tennis and Golf available. £175 per week. Contact Tricia Grassie ext: 8305.

FOR SALE touch sensitive, electronic portable keyboard piano/harpsichord/vibraphone, 88 keys, Yamaha PF15. £250. Also Vauxhall Nova, B reg. 1.2L hatchback, sunroof, year's MoT £1950. Contact Karin ext: 4355. **LAWN MOWING** and general 'odd jobs' undertaken at competitive prices. Tel. ext. 8004.

PEN FRIENDS wanted for Canadian student and German student. Contact Karin ext: 4355. **FOR SALE** Peugeot 104 GL. 12 yrs old. 25,000km, left-hand drive. £1000. 0273 309994.

What's on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 26 April

12.30pm **Sussex Continuing Education Research Forum: Researching the Gaps: Progression Routes for Adult Learners.**

V. McGivney, Inner Lounge, Refectory Level 1.

Tuesday 27 April

12.30pm **Mass Observation Seminar: Responses to the Gulf War: using the M-O Data in conjunction with survey material and media evidence.** M. Shaw (Hull), Library Seminar Room.

3.30pm **SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar: Integration and Disintegration in European Defence Sector?** W. Walker, A70, SEI.

4.30pm **COGS Seminar: Child Art and Theories of Vision, Pictures and Development.** Dr. A. Costall (Southampton), PB1A6, MAPS1.

Wednesday 28 April

1.00pm **IDS Seminar Series: Anthropologists and Economists in Development Studies.** Prof. M. Lipton, Room 221 IDS.

Thursday 29 April

4.30pm **Experimental Psychology Seminar: Modality Effects on Syntactic Parsing.** S. Watt (Dundee), EP3.9, BIOLS.

5.00pm **History Work-in-Progress Seminar: Who Screwed the Elephant!: Sedition, Sovereignty and Scots Law in the 18th Century.** A. Melrose, A155, Arts A.

Friday 30 April

2.15pm **SPRU Seminar: High Tech Corporate Research Labs in Europe: A Bibliometric Look at their Links with the Science Base.** P. Isard (Edinburgh), A103, Arts A.

5.00pm **Social and Political Thought Seminar: Foucault and the Self.** L. McNay (Cambridge), E419, Arts E.

Summer Term - Public Lectures

Tuesday 4 May

5.00pm **Contexts of Nature** (the comparative study of British and Japanese poetry relating to nature). Prof. Nobuyuki Yuasa (Dean of the Faculty of Letters at Hiroshima University), A105. For further details contact Kathy Morton (East Asian Relations Officer) on ext. 4241.

The following lectures will be held in Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre:

Tuesday 4 May

6.30pm **Issues in Environmental Science: The Extent and Significance of Lead Poisoning.** Dr. E. Millstone.

Tuesday 11 May

6.00pm **Professorial Lecture: Chemistry in the Treatment of Disease.** Prof D. Young.

Tuesday 8 June

6.00pm **Professorial Lecture: Language in the Landscape: Place-Naming and Language Change.** Prof. R. Coates.

Centre for Continuing Education

Day Schools - Saturday 8 May

Personal Effectiveness. Training in assertive techniques led by Lynn Lewis.

Victorian Hastings. The development of Victorian Hastings seen through paintings, prints, photographs and maps, led by P. Haines at Hastings Museum. (Fees £15/ reduced fees £10 /

Monday 26th April - Sunday 2nd May

minimum fees £4). For details and enrolment contact Yvonne Barnes, CCE, ext. 8527.

Open University Revision School - A 102. Revision of main blocks of A 102 led by OU tutors. For details contact J. Walker, CCE, ext. 2093.

Meeting House

The following events take place in the Meeting House throughout the Summer Term. For further details contact the Chaplaincy Secretary on ext. 8217.

Services

Mon - 12.35pm RC Mass **Tues** - 12.35pm Eucharist **Wed** - 12.35pm RC Mass **Thurs** - 12.35pm RC Mass; 5.15pm Candle Eucharist **Fri** - 8.15am Eucharist followed by breakfast; 12.00 noon Confession; 12.35pm RC Mass **Sun** - 11.30am Worshiping Together; 6.00pm RC Mass.

Groups

Tuesdays 7.30pm: Enquiry. Self awareness and development through group discussion. Led by R. Hay-Will.

Thursdays 4.15pm: Sceptics Anonymous: A place to ask the questions we can't ask anywhere else. Led by G. Ashenden.

Lunchtime Recitals

Tuesdays 1.15pm in the Chapel.

Sports Service

Listed below are details of summer events run by the Sports Service. For further details contact the Sports Centre on ext. 8228.

Monday

1 - 2pm Step Reebok

Tuesdays

11am - 12noon Weights Induction; Step Circuits

1.10 - 1.50pm Action Walking

2.20 - 3.20pm Improvers Squash

4 - 5pm Improvers Tennis

Wednesdays

11am-12noon Beginner's Squash

1.10 - 1.50pm Body Conditioning (over 40s)

Thursdays

11am - 12noon Weights Induction

6 - 7pm Musical Super Circuits

Fridays 10 - 11am Aerobics

11am - 2pm Yoga (Levels 1, 2 and 3)

1 - 2pm Step Reebok

* Please note that it is not permitted to use the land adjacent to the Sport Centre for golf practice.

Computing Centre

BIDS

Introductory course for BIDS (the Bath ISI Data Service). Most Mondays 1 - 2pm (free).

Introductory UNIX Workshop

UNIX is the operating system used on the Computing Services Solbourne and Sequent computers. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 - 11am (£1).

PC Introduction

Introduction to using the University's standard computers. Fridays and several Wednesdays (£4).

Word for Windows

Introduction to using a sophisticated word processing package. Fridays (£2).

Courses should be booked in advance. For further details contact the Computing Centre Reception on ext. 8090.

Gardner Centre

Saturday 1 May Doug Anthony Allstars.

Outrageous Australian comedy trio live at the Gardner and fresh from winning awards in six countries.

Sunday 2 May

Extracts from the musicals *Miss Saigon*, *West Side Story*, and *High Society* performed by the Brighton Theatre Group with orchestra conducted by Simon Gray.

Tickets for both events £8.50 / £6.50. For further details and tickets contact the Gardner Arts Centre Box Office ext. 3874.

Miscellaneous

The following events take place each week throughout the Summer Term:

Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

Open Air Market. Falmer House Courtyard

Wednesdays 10am

Overseas Wives' Group. Language/social group for overseas wives. York House.

Fridays 1pm

Hunger Lunch. Bread and cheese for 60p; proceeds to the Third World Development Agency. Meeting House.

Sussex Trugs. Mainstream/traditional jazz group. Playing Fields Pavilion.

Bulletin

This is the first edition of the new-look Bulletin which will now be appearing every week. Copy deadline is every Friday lunchtime. We welcome any suggestions for news, details of events, letters, and non-commercial advertisements. Please contact the Information Office, Sussex House, ext. 8209 or E mail:

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